

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JANUARY 4, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 9

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom and Chiu)
(Coauthors: Senators Leno, Liu, and Pan)

January 16, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Pet Care Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 9, as amended, McCarty. Pet Care Education Month.

This measure would declare the month of January-~~2015~~ 2016 as Pet Care Education Month and would request Californians to observe the month by ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that provide low-cost spay and neutering services and vaccinations or funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, An increasing number of dogs and cats in the
2 United States do not get the regular, preventative health care that
3 they need to stay healthy; and
4 WHEREAS, Animal welfare organizations often bear the burden
5 of dealing with animal health care issues that could have been
6 prevented, such as dental and skin issues, nutritional deficiencies,
7 heartworm, pyometra, distemper, and parvo; and

1 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California to
2 encourage pet owners to take steps to responsibly care for their
3 pets, including providing for responsible nutrition and regular
4 visits to a veterinarian, and ensuring that their pets receive proper
5 preventative care such as vaccinations, spaying or neutering, oral
6 care, and heartworm prevention; and

7 WHEREAS, National and local animal welfare organizations,
8 animal shelters, animal control agencies, veterinarians, and others
9 engaged in the care and feeding of pets will join together to
10 advocate for “Pet Care Education Month,” which will help
11 Californians receive affordable preventative care for their pets
12 throughout the month of January-~~2015~~; 2016; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
16 declares the month of January-~~2015~~ 2016 as Pet Care Education
17 Month in California and requests Californians to observe the month
18 by ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper
19 preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health
20 emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that
21 provide low-cost spay and neuter services and vaccinations or
22 funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care; and
23 be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.